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1. OES PASS ERDA FOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR NELSON SIEVERLING JR.
2. THE SPANISH INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS HAS CONTACTED THE EMBASSY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING AMERICAN EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST SYMPOSIUM ON ENERGY ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELD IN LAS PALMAS, GRAN CANARIA OCTOBER 25-30,1976. THE INSTITUTE HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR THE NAMES, BACKGROUNDS, AND LOCATION INFORMATION OF LEADING AMERICAN EXPERTS EITHER FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY.

3. EMBOFF HELD PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING CLASSES OF THE INSTITUTE, JULIO ARAGONES DE INES, TO OBTAIN CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT TYPE OF EXPERTS THE INSTITUTE WANTS

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FOR THE SYMPOSIUM AND THE SPECIFIC TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED.

ARAGONES EXPLAINED THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR THE SYMPOSIUM IS THE MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM TO PROVIDE THE CANARY ISLANDS WITH AN ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY. TO DO THIS MEANS LARGE SCALE DESALINIZATION OF SEA WATER WHICH IN TURN MEANS CONSIDERABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS. THE INSTITUTE WOULD LIKE TO COLLECT IN ON CONFERENCE THE BEST CURRENT THINKING ON ENERGY SUPPLY AND ESPECIALLY AN APPROPRIATE SUPPLY FOR THE CANARIES.

4. ARAGONES SAID THAT THE INSTITUTE IS WIDE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS WITH THE ONLY QUALIFICATION BEING THAT THE PERSON BE A RECOGNIZED EXPERT IN HIS FIELD. THE INSTITUTE FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT A SPEAKER FROM PRIVATE INDUSTRY WOULD BE PROMOTING HIS OWN SYSTEM OR PRODUCTS BUT DOES NOT MIND SINCE PRIVATE FIRMS WILL HAVE TO ACTUALLY BUILD THE SYSTEM REQUIRED FOR THE CANARIES.

5. ARAGONES SAID HE HAD CONTACTED THE EMBASSIES OF THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE LEADERS IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL SELECT SPEAKERS FROM THE LISTS OF EXPERTS OBTAINED FROM THESE EMBASSIES AS WELL AS OTHER SOURCES.

6. PARTICIPANTS SELECTED WILL BE EXPECTED TO LECTURE AND DISCUSS ONE OR MORE TOPICS WITHIN THE GENERAL FIELD OF ENERGY ADMINISTRATION OR THE ENTIRE SUBJECT ITSELF. SPECIFIC TOPICS TO BE COVERED DURING THE SYMPOSIUM ARE; ACTUAL SOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION OF ENERGY, EOLIC (WIND) ENERGY, GENERAL UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY, POSSIBILITIES FOR SOLAR ENERGY USE IN THE CANARIES, GENERAL USES OF GEOTHERMIC ENERGY, IN THE CANARIES, NUCLEAR ENERGY, USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN THE CANARIES, AND A GENERAL ENERGY PROGRAM FOR THE CANARIES. ARAGONES SAID THE INSTITUTE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING GUEST AMERICAN SPEAKERS FOR THE GENERAL TREATMENT OF SOLAR AND NUCLEAR ENERGY.

7. EMBOFF INFORMED ARAGONES THAT THE EMBASSY IS EXPECTING A US TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR (TSS) ON ENERGY TO VISIT SPAIN IN EARLY NOVEMBER. SINCE THIS GROUP WOULD INCLUDE EXPERT SPEAKERS ON THE SUBJECT, POST HAS ALREADY CABLED THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO SUGGEST HAVING ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF THE TSS ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM. ARAGONES THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND IS UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHO MIGHT BE COMING WITH THE TSS. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT HE WOULD BE CONTACTED AS SOON AS THE POST RECEIVES A REPLY FROM COMMERCE.

8. POST ADDITIONALLY REQUESTS SUGGESTIONS FROM STATE OF SUITABLE SPEAKERS FOR SYMPOSIUM; PERHAPS EXPERTS FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES AS WELL AS UNIVERSITIES, PRIVATE RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY. POST BELIEVES THIS IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY

EVER PRESENTED FOR US TO CULTIVATE COMMERCIAL AND OTHER CONTACTS
WITH SPANISH ENERGY "ESTABLISHMENT" AND WOULD LIKE TO BE FULLY
RESPONSIVE TO THIS REQUEST, ARAGONES SAID INSTITUTE WOULD PAY
EXPENSES FOR NON-PRIVATE INDUSTRY SPEAKERS.
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